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## Via ECF

The Honorable Jesse M. Furman United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Michael Avenatti, 19 Cr. 374 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman:

We write in response to the Court's request for suggestions or objections to the draft juror questionnaire (Dkt. 258). The defense respectfully makes the three following requests:

- 1. The defense requests that the Court omit reference to the Federal Defenders of New York in question # 23;
- 2. The defense requests the inclusion of Juliet Vicari in question # 23; and
- 3. The defense requests that the Court ask question # 51 from the written questionnaire: You may hear evidence in this case that the defendant, Michael Avenatti, was a practicing trial attorney who filed lawsuits against people and companies. Would that affect your ability to be a fair and impartial juror in this case?

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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